GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF AIRPORTS BY PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed the passengers travelling by air to take photographs of the civil airports which they are using during their journeys;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has considered the security of the country before giving such permission;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the misuse of such photographs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b):- Yes, Sir. Bonafide passengers have been permitted to take photographs at the terminals buildings of civil aerodromes and civil enclaves at Defence aerodromes.

(c), (d) and (e):- The restrictions on photography at airports had lost their rationale and become outdated following advancements in technology, including satellite-imaging etc. with which photographs can be taken from remote places. Besides, this has been done after consulting the concerned security agencies/organizations. As suggested by Ministry of Defence, passengers are not allowed to take photograph at Defence aerodromes except civil enclaves.